

PAYMENT

Payments can be made online, in-person, or over the phone. Visit www.kidsinc.org or call 806-376-5936.

ROSTER MAXIMUM: Age 4- 3rd grade: 10 players / 4th- 5th grade: 8 players

If you choose to, you may take additional players on your team. Once max number of players have registered, Kids, Inc. may contact you and discuss the possibility of adding additional players.

EQUIPMENT RETURN

Please have all team equipment returned to the Kids, Inc. WareHouse at the end of the season. You may also return your equipment to the official at your final game of the season.

COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

To help ensure a great experience for players and families, please follow the guidelines below once you receive your first team roster by email:

- Send a message to each player's parent or guardian as soon as you receive your roster. You can utilize group messages, GroupMe, or other team communication apps.
- Request a reply to confirm contact info is correct and the child still plans to participate.
- If you don't receive a response, follow up with a phone call.
- If you still can't reach the family, please contact the Kids, Inc. office for assistance.

PRACTICE & UPDATES

- Let parents know when you will begin practices. You do not need a full roster to start practices.
- Check your email daily for updated rosters. As new players are added, you will be sent their information. Please contact these players promptly with practice and team details.

T-SHIRT PICK-UP

- Coaches will only receive shirts for players who have paid.
- Notify parents when you plan to pick up shirts.
- If a player's payment is made after the coach picks up shirts, the parent is responsible for contacting Kids, Inc. to arrange pickup.

GAME DAY SAFETY

The safety of our players, coaches, officials, and fans is a top priority at Kids, Inc. That's why we have uniformed law enforcement officers present at every game. These sworn officers are there to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone and are equipped to handle any issues professionally and promptly should they arise. Their presence helps create a positive and secure environment where kids can thrive—and it's all part of what your program fee supports.

TEAM MEDALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COACHES TO PICK UP AT THE KIDS, INC. WAREHOUSE THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE FINAL GAMES.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Players must be age 4 - 5th grade for the current school year.
- At any time during the season, Kids, Incorporated may request proof of eligibility.

EQUIPMENT

- Kids, Incorporated will furnish the following equipment for teams:
 - a. Age 4 - 3rd Grade: #3 size
 - b. 4th & 5th Grade: #4 size
- Please return all equipment immediately following the season.
- Players must wear their assigned Kids, Incorporated t-shirt.
- Tennis shoes or indoor soccer shoes are recommended.
 - a. Soccer shoes/cleats with rubber spikes are not allowed, unless the shoe has more than 30 spikes.
- Shin guards are mandatory.
- Jewelry or hair accessories of any kind are not permitted, with the exception of plain bobby pins.
- Hard or plaster casts are not permitted.

GAME RULES

- Each player must play one full quarter in each half.
 - a. Players are not be allowed to sit out one entire half.
- Each game consists of two 20-minute halves with a running clock.
- Halftime is 5-minutes.
- Each team is allowed two timeouts per half, with a running a clock.
- The ball is out of play when:
 - a. The entire ball crosses over the barriers.
 - b. The referee stops play.
- The ball is in play at all other times, including when:
 - a. The ball continues to bounce within the playing field after striking the goal posts or crossbar.
 - b. The ball continues within the playing field after touching the referee who is inside the playing field.
- Offsides is not enforced.
- No food or drink besides water is to be brought into the Bus and Freda Dugger Sportsplex.
- No headers.

SCORING

- Goals are worth one point.
- The ball must pass completely beyond the goal line, between the goal posts, and under the crossbar.

START OF PLAY

- The game officially starts at the first successful kick, not the referee's whistle.
- A successful kick is when the ball has traveled at least its own circumference into the opponent's end of the field.
- For the second half, the teams change sides and the kick is made by the team that did not kick off in the first half.
- At the signal of the referee, the ball is placed at mid-field and kicked forward.
 - a. Members of the kicking team must stay 10-yards from the ball until the kick off is made.
- After the kickoff, any player except the one who kicked off may play the ball.
 - a. Penalty: Indirect or free kick awarded to the opponent at the spot of the foul.
- After a goal, play is resumed with the team being scored upon kicking off at midfield.

FREE KICKS

- A free kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the barriers in the air.
- The kicking player cannot play the ball a second time until it is touched by another player.
- If the kicking player plays the ball before it has been touched by another player, the opposing team will be awarded an indirect kick from at the point of the infraction.
- Direct free kick:
 - a. A goal may be scored directly by one player.
 - b. The referee should signal by an arm extended towards the opponent's goal.
- Indirect free kick:
 - a. A goal cannot be scored unless the ball is touched by another player other than the kicker.
 - b. The referee should signal by placing their hand and arm overhead.
- For a legal free kick:
 - a. The ball must be in a stationary position.
 - b. The player taking the free kick cannot play the ball again before it has been touched by another player.

DROP BALL

- Used when play has been stopped for some reason outside of the rules, when the ball goes over the barrier, when the ball has not gone out of bounds, and when the referee can not determine which team forced the ball out of bounds.
- The ball is dropped where play has stopped and it is in play as soon as the ball touches the ground.
- No one may touch the ball before it hits the ground

PENALTY AREA

- The penalty area is a large rectangle that surrounds the goal area.
- No offensive player is allowed inside the penalty area.
- No defensive player, except the goalie, is allowed inside the penalty area.
- If the offense commits a foul, the defense is awarded a goal kick.
- If the defense commits a foul, the offense is awarded a corner kick.

PENALTY KICKS

- All kicks are made from the area halfway between the front of the penalty area and midfield.
 - a. The only two players involved are the kicker and the goalie.
- The referee signals the kicker to kick towards the goal.
 - a. The ball is in play as soon as it is kicked.
- If the above rules are broken by:
 - a. The defending team:
 - i. The penalty shot must be repeated if a goal was not scored.
 - b. The offensive team (other than the kicker):
 - i. The defensive team is awarded an indirect kick just outside of the penalty area.
- The opposing goalkeeper must stand, without moving his feet, on his own goal posts. They may move only after the ball is struck.
 - a. If they move before hand and the goal is missed, another kick will be awarded to the kicker.
- The goalie may not do anything to distract the kicker.

PROHIBITED ACTS

- A direct free kick will be awarded to the opposing team at the point of infraction:
 - a. Slide tackling
 - b. Kicking
 - c. Tripping
 - d. Jumping on or charging an opponent
 - e. Slugging
 - f. Holding
 - g. Pushing
 - h. Handling the ball with the hands or arms
 - i. The goalkeeper may touch the ball with their hands or arms within the penalty area.
- Indirect free kicks will be awarded to the opposing team at the point of the infraction:
 - a. Playing dangerously
 - b. Shoulder to shoulder blocking off the action
 - c. Obstruction
 - d. Attacking the goalkeeper when they have both hands on the ball
 - e. Unsportsmanlike conduct
- If anyone enters the field to argue a call made by the official the result will be a penalty kick for the opposing team.
 - a. After two offenses, the individual will be asked to leave the playing area and will be suspended for the next two games.
 - b. Accumulation of two unsportsmanlike penalties throughout the season will result in suspension from the program for the remainder of the year.

PLAYING AREA AND NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- All games will be played at the Bus and Freda Dugger Sportsplex, located at 33rd and Osage,
- In age 4 - 3rd grade, a team must have at least five players for opening kick off.
- In 4th - 5th grade, a team must have at least four players for opening kick off.
- The black lines are the official field markings.

PLAYING AREA AND NUMBER OF PLAYERS CONT.

| <u>GRADE</u> | <u># OF PLAYERS</u> | <u>FIELD SIZE</u> | <u>GOAL SIZE</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Age 4 - 3 RD | 5 v 5 including goalie | 20 yds x 30 yds | 6 ft x 6 ft x 3 ft |
| 4 TH - 5 TH | 4 v 4 including goalie | 20 yds x 30 yds | 6 ft x 6 ft x 3 ft |

REFEREE

- One referee will be provided.
- The referee controls all soccer activity and their decision is final.
- The referee is empowered to call a 2-minute injury time out for an injured player.
 - a. A drop ball will resume play.

COACHES

- The head coach is responsible for:
 - a. The physical and mental well-being of all children while entrusted to their care.
 - b. Maintaining an adequate level of discipline on his or her team.
 - c. The conduct and control of their team's fans and spectators.
 - d. Ensuring minimum playing time is met for all players.
- All assistant coaches must be listed on the roster and have a background check on file. If no background check is on file, the assistant coach will be removed from the sideline.
- Should head coaches or their assistant coaches violate any Kids, Incorporated playing rules or directives, they may be subject to disciplinary actions.
- In the age 4 - 1st grade divisions, one coach may be on the field but may not enter the goal area. Please stay out of the way of play.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- The Code of Conduct applies to parents, coaches/volunteers, spectators, parents, contracted employees, officials, and professional staff.
- Profane, obscene, abusive, degrading/threatening language, gestures and/or taunting in the presence of anyone attending a Kids, Incorporated event is prohibited.
- Do not handle a child/participant in an aggressive or abusive manner.
- Any act of violence is prohibited.
- Accept the decision of the game officials as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Do not knowingly permit an ineligible player to play in any game.
- Please use good sportsmanship.
- The use of drugs, alcohol, vaping, or tobacco in any form is not permitted while attending any Kids, Incorporated event.
- No firearms or weapons will be permitted at any Kids, Incorporated event.

AT ANY TIME, AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF KIDS, INCORPORATED, VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT IS SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION FROM OUR PROGRAMS.

CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

In the event that an injury occurs during a Kids, Incorporated sponsored activity, and where a possible head injury is involved, the Kids, Incorporated office should be notified immediately. Generally, our paid officials will contact our Director of Programs, Jerry Branch, should an event of this nature occur.

Kids, Incorporated will require a "Permission To Return" document from a licensed, medically-trained professional, before allowing the player to participate in future scheduled activities.

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact Jerry Branch at 806-376-5936.

Coaches,

Thank you for volunteering your time with our program. Below are a few reminders for coaches, parents, and players as we get ready to begin this new season.

1. Officials will only discuss questions with the head coach.
2. No coaches or parents are allowed on the field or court.
 - a. This does not apply to Pre-K and Kindergarten Soccer only.
3. No parents or assistant coaches may be on the sideline without a background check on file.
4. No lawn chairs are allowed on the turf fields.
5. No sunflower seeds are allowed on the turf fields or inside the gyms.
6. Please make sure all trash is picked up from the sidelines and properly disposed of following your game.
7. Any balls lost on roofs or ceilings will be your responsibility.

If you have any concerns at your games, we ask that you please wait and call our office the following business day. We do not want any situations to escalate at the game. Kids are always watching.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 806-376-5936 or email me at jbranch@kidsinc.org. Thank you again for coaching. We are looking forward to a great season!

Jerry Branch

Kids, Incorporated Director of Programs

Thank you for your interest in working for and/or volunteering with Kids, Incorporated of Amarillo, Texas. We offer year-round sporting opportunities for children in the Amarillo/Canyon region. One of our primary goals is to continually ensure the safety of children.

Kids, Incorporated conducts criminal background checks on all employees, head/assistant coaches, sports officials, board members, and any other person acting in an official capacity with the organization who will be directly involved with children. All persons desiring to serve as a head/assistant coach, board member, game official, and/or professional staff member, shall complete a Criminal History Record Information Release Form. This form authorizes Kids, Incorporated to conduct a personal criminal background search on the applicant. Information obtained from these searches shall be available to Kids, Incorporated professional staff and board members only and shall remain confidential at all times.

Kids, Incorporated shall pay the cost of each criminal history search. Anyone having questions about their eligibility or wishing to discuss extenuating circumstances should make an appointment to visit with the Executive Director/CEO in advance.

Criteria for Disqualification of Service

A person shall be disqualified and prohibited from serving as a volunteer, game official, and/or member of the professional staff with Kids, Incorporated if any of the following conditions apply:

1. Fails to consent to a personal criminal background search
2. Is currently serving probation for any offense
3. Has been incarcerated for a felony offense
4. Has a felony conviction of any kind in the past seven years
5. Has been convicted of any offense involving a minor
6. Has been convicted of Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, or Child Neglect on any level
7. Has been adjudged liable for civil penalties or damages involving sexual or physical abuse of children
8. Has been convicted of Terroristic Threat
9. Has been twice convicted for misdemeanor offenses of any kind in the past five years
10. Has been twice convicted during the past seven years of any combination of the following:
 - Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)
 - Driving Under the Influence (DUI)
 - Misdemeanor violations of the Controlled Substance Act
11. Has been subject to any court order involving any sexual abuse or physical abuse of a minor, including, but not limited to domestic order for protection.

The President & CEO shall have the final decision on all personnel matters. Kids, Incorporated does not discriminate against any person, or persons, based on age, race, gender, religion, nationality, or ethnicity.



CRIMINAL HISTORY AUTHORIZATION FORM

Kids, Incorporated has the responsibility to take precautions to ensure the safety of every child who participates in one of our sports programs. Therefore, as a part of your application process, we ask you to complete the following authorization form and return it to the Kids, Incorporated office.

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Drivers License # _____ State Issued _____

Position of Service

☐ Volunteer ☐ Professional Staff ☐ Contract Labor ☐ Board Member

If volunteering as a coach, check one:

☐ Head Coach ☐ Assistant Coach (Name Head Coach) _____

School(s) at which you will be volunteering _____

Sport _____ Grade _____ ☐ Boys ☐ Girls

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Please list other names you have used or by which you have been known _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female Shirt Size _____

Race/Ethnicity ☐ American Indian ☐ Asian ☐ Black ☐ Hispanic ☐ White

☐ Other _____

I hereby authorize any law enforcement agency and/or criminal background service provider, including a police department, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Texas Department of Corrections, to release to Kids, Incorporated, my complete criminal history record. I understand that Kids, Incorporated is prohibited by Federal Regulations from providing me with a copy of my DPS criminal history record; however, I further understand that, upon my request, Kids, Incorporated may quote to me data from the report. Thereafter, I have the right to challenge the accuracy of my DPS criminal history record. I understand that the information I am providing about age, sex, and race/ethnicity will not be used to determine volunteer eligibility, but will be used for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information.

Signature _____ Date _____

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